In addition, under the Central Governments Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) initiative, bidding process in respect of Krishnapatnam UMPP (4000 MW) to be located in Andhra Pradesh has been completed and the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has been transferred to the successful developer selected through tariff based bidding process.

Ultra mega power project

1043. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had formulated any comprehensive plan to set up Ultra Mega Power Projects in the country during 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise and State-wise;

(c) the details of financial allocation made by Government in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to increase per capita availability of electricity in the country?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Power had launched an initiative for the development of coal based Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) each of about 4000 MW capacity. These projects are being developed on a Build, Own and Operate basis, and the project developers are selected through a tariff based competive bidding process initiated/to be initiated by project specific shell companies which have been formed as wholly owned subsidiaries of Power Finance Corporation, the identified nodal agency for this initiative.These projects are envisaged to come up in the 12th Plan.

After finalization of sites in consultation with the States, bidding process was initiaed in respect of four Ultra Mega Power Projects (UMPPs) and has been completed in these projects. The details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Location	State	Status
1.	Sasan Ultra Mega Power Project	Near Sasan village in Sidhi District	Madhya Pradesh	Bidding Process completed and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has been transferred.
2.	Mundra Ultra Mega Power Project	Near Tundawanda village in Kutch District	Gujarat	Bidding Process completed and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has been transferred.
3.	Krishnapatnam Ultra Mega Power Project	Krishnapatnam village in Nellore District	Andhra Pradesh	Bidding Process completed and Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) has been transferred.
4.	Tilaiya Ultra Mega Power Project	Site near Barhi to the North East of Tilaiya Dam in Hazaribagh District	Jharkhand	The bidding process is currently in progress.

Among the remaining projects, Central Electricity Authority (CEA) has in consultation with the State Government identified a suitable site near Bedabahal village in Sundergarh District for setting up of an UMPP in Orissa. However, the approval for the identified site and for water allocation for the proposed UMPP has not been provided by the Government of Orissa so far. For the Chhattisgarh UMPP, a site near Salka and Khamaria villages in district Sarguja has been short listed in consultation with the State Government. The finalization of sites and initiation of the bidding process for setting up of UMPPs in the States of Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra and Karnataka are contingent upon necessary inputs/clearances from the respective State Governments.

(c) For development of UMPPs no financial allocation has been envisaged from the Central Government. The responsibility for achieving financial closure and tying up of funds for meeting the requirement of the project rests with the indentified developers.

(d) To increase the per capita availability of electricity in the country, Ministry of Power has envisaged capacity addition of over 78500 MW during the 11th Plan.

Reorganisation of State Electricity Boards

†1044. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether formation of companies by dissolving and dividing the State Electricity Boards into several parts has been profitable and the losses incurred by the Boards have come down;

(b) if so, the details in that regard;

(c) the details of the companies of Rajasthan as on date with reference to the facts mentioned above;

(d) whether any other measures are being taken to meet the losses of the power sector; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) to (c) So, far 13 States have reorganized their SEBs. Ten States namely Orissa, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh have done so under their respective State Electricity Reforms Acts. Assam, Maharashtra and West Bengal have reorganized their SEBs, under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003. Government of Tripura has corporatized its Electcirity Department.

The Central Government had awarded a study to the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) on the impact of restructuring the State Electricity Boards. The broad conclusion of the study is that despite some shortcomings, the overall impact of restructuring has been positive and is in the right direction.

The State power utilities are regulated by the concerned State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. The Power Finance Corporation (PFC), which lends funds to State Power utilities also, bring out an annual compilation on the results of financial performance of these utilities. Position of financial performance of utilities as compiled by PFC (State utility-wise including that of Rajasthan) for the years 2004-05, 2005-06 and 2006-07 is given in the enclosed Statement.

It can be seen from the annexure that the losses of power utilities of Rajasthan in the year 2006-07 were less than the losses in year 2004-05.

(d) and (e) The State Electricity Board/Power Utilities are under the Control of the respective State Governments and State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. Howerver, the Government of India has taken the following major initiatives to bring down the losses of SEBs/Power Utilities;

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